

WEEKENDWEATHER

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BIT OF ADVICE

Retired Washington Post editor Bill Elsen will be in Wells Hall 232 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9, to discuss with students what to expect with their first job in the media. The event is sponsored by Society of Professional Journalists.

POETRY READING

James Richardson will have a poetry reading tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Union Boardroom.

LIKE TO WRITE?

Scribblers meets every Tuesday at the Station at 8 p.m. Creative writing, poetry and fiction are all shared and created during this time.

FRIDAY

The University Health Center will be closed Nov. 3 due to construction. Appointments can still be made that day; however, no patients will be seen.

SATURDAY

Fall Classic V: Football vs. Pittsburg State, 2 p.m., Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City. See Section B for a full preview.

SUNDAY

Bearcat Marching Band Showcase, 3 p.m.

MONDAY

John Louder Painting Exhibit opens, lecture and reception, 7 p.m., 244 Fine Arts

TUESDAY

Madralier/Flute Choir Concert, 8 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater

WEDNESDAY

Last date to drop second-block course.

HEARTLAND VIEW

The new Heartland View Web site is up and running. Check it out at Heartlandview.com

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PROGRAMMING

SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday
7 p.m. Etc.
7:30 p.m. Inside Northwest
8 p.m. Bearcat Update
8:30 p.m. Bearcat Idol

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Visit our online edition see a multi-media package of the 3rd Annual Northwest Powow, compiled by Nwmissourianews.com Reporter Kyle Martin.

Colorful Custom

Annual powow returns to campus

Evan Young
University Editor

She spun and hopped effortlessly around the wooden arena floor, driven by the perpetual beats of a nearby drum and the soaring voices of her native family.

Dancing comes easily to 14-year-old Krysallin Ahtone, a member of the Potawatomi tribe. "It's really fun; you just want to keep going and going," she said.

The Lawrence, Kan., resident was one of nearly 100 American Indians, representing a

handful of tribes from across the Great Plains, who gathered Saturday at Bearcat Arena for the 3rd Annual Northwest Powwow.

Dancers, singers and drummers of all ages, along with their families and friends, came for intertribal fellowship and to compete for a combined purse of \$4,000.

"It's great meeting new people and also seeing familiar faces. You see this person then that person. We're all one big family," Ahtone said.

The festivities began with two grand entries, during which the Haskell Color Guard, representing current and former American Indians serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, led the dancers into the arena.

"We think about all our young men and women in the Middle East during this time of conflict," said emcee Manny King. "We always have the color guard lead us (into the arena) to honor them."

Following the entrances, and the playing of the "Flag Song," the American Indian equivalent to "The Star-Spangled Banner," the dancers began showing their stuff in several

see POWWOW on 6A



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(top) A little girl attends the powwow with her family. (bottom) As part of the Potawatomi tribe, Krysallin Ahtone dances during the powwow Saturday. This year marks the third year that Northwest has hosted the event.

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-Krysallin Ahtone, powwow performer

Yearbook attains coveted Pacemaker

Lindsay Jacobs
Chief Reporter

The 2005 Tower yearbook received a prestigious award making it ranked in the top 1 percent of the yearbooks in the country.

A Pacemaker was awarded on Saturday Oct. 28 in St. Louis during the Associated Collegiate Press convention.

The Pacemaker is awarded to college publications and is equivalent to the Pulitzer Prize. Being nominated for a Pacemaker puts a printed or online edition in the top 2 percent in the country.

Laura Widmer, student publications director, said judges sort through all submitted editions and pick Pacemaker finalists. After the finalists are picked judges go through and select the Pacemaker winners.

The Northwest Missourian and

the Northwest Missourian Online Edition were also up for a Pacemaker.

"I was elated the newspaper,

the online and yearbook were Pacemaker finalists," Widmer said.

Northwest was the only school in the nation to have those three categories nominated for Pacemakers.

Kara (S W i n k) Petrovic was the editor-in-chief of the Tower during the 2004-05 school year said

Last nomination

2003
■ Northwest Missourian
2004
■ Northwest Missourian online
■ Heartland View online travel magazine
■ Tower yearbook

Last win

2003
■ Tower yearbook
1997
■ Northwest Missourian
2004
■ Northwest Missourian online edition

see PACEMAKER on 6A

Talent visits Maryville

Northwest Missouri welcomes Senator to speak on initiatives

Dominic Genetti
Community Editor

While Kansas City, St. Louis and Jefferson City are frequent visits, Republican Sen. Jim Talent made a stop in Maryville Oct. 26 to meet with area citizens at the Nodaway County Republican headquarters speaking on national and statewide initiatives.

Introduced by fellow Republican Brad Lager, Talent began speaking about Missouri and the significant role the state plays in the upcoming election.

"Missouri is a battle ground state," Talent said. "It's called that for a reason and it makes Missouri politics fun."

He went on to speak about the renewable fuel standard and the energy bill.

"Renewable fuel standard requires the oil companies to buy ethanol," Talent said. "They kept it bottled up for years. They wouldn't buy it privately because they don't produce ethanol and they kept it bottled up in Congress."

However, Talent said Congress broke the companies' opposition when the energy bill progressed.

"Now we have a new market," Talent said. "They [oil



photo by bobby taylor | assistant photography editor

Sen. Jim Talent visits with supporters during a campaign stop at the Nodaway County Republican headquarters in Maryville. companies] have to buy 7.5 billion gallons [of ethanol] by year 2012. The result of that is billions of dollars being invested, most of it coming from local investors in ethanol and bio-diesel.

Continuing with the benefits of ethanol, Talent discussed jobs and the environment.

see TALENT on 6A



ASA DINNER

Asian Student Association members help Chris King close the dinner Friday night with a song. The third Annual ASA dinner included traditional Asian cuisine, music, and a presentation by the Japanese Lesson students.

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PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

Did you dress up for trick-or-treating as a kid?
Did you carve any awesome-looking pumpkins?
Send us your photos to northwestmissourian@hotmail.com for a chance to be published in an upcoming issue of the Northwest Missourian.

BEARCAT INJURED

Running back LaRon Council gets transported off the field during the University of Central Missouri game Saturday.



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CAMPUSBRIEFS

Career Services offers government jobs seminars

Northwest's Career Services Office will host two seminars titled, "Federal: Jobs/Internships: Pathways to a Career in Government" on Thursday, Nov. 9, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

The first seminar will take place from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and the second from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The seminars are open to all students interested in working in the U.S. government.

The seminars will feature a panel whose members represent a number of federal offices and agencies. Participants include the Office of Personnel Management, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration and the Social Security Administration.

For more information call Career Services at 562-1250.

Ventriquoist Dunham to perform at Mary Linn

Northwest's Student Activities Council will host comedy ventriquoist Jeff Dunham at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 7 p.m. Comedian Andrew Kennedy will open the show.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public. They can be purchased at the Student Services Desk on the first floor of the Administration Building from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at 562-1212.

Marching band 'Showcase' celebrates 2006 season

The Bearcat Marching Band will perform during a special "Showcase" event celebrating its 2006 season at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, in Bearcat Arena.

The performance will also feature the Platte County High School Pirate Pride Marching Band, Bearcat Steppers, Northwest Flips, Twirler Lori Hansen and the Bearcat Marching Band Drumline.

Northwest students to perform Bible-related production

Northwest students will perform "Godspell" on Thursday, Nov. 9, through Sunday, Nov. 12, at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Amanda Petefish-Schrag, assistant professor of theater at Northwest, is directing the production.

The musical is the Book of Matthew set to music, according to Northwest junior Kat Dorrell. "Godspell" tells the life of Jesus Christ. It starts by describing how people decided to follow Jesus and ends with Jesus' death.

Northwest senior Michael Padden is the stage manager for "Godspell." He acts as a liaison between the designers and the rest of the cast. Padden agrees with Dorrell's belief that "Godspell" will be a unique production.

"Godspell" is based on an interesting concept. It is set on the ruins of a broken down society," Padden said. He also believes students will be able to relate to the musical and the characters.

Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$7 and tickets are available at the Mary Linn box office.

Stem cell forum held to raise awareness

Jessica Schmidt and Evan Young
Managing Editor and University Editor

With the Missouri Mid-term election just around the corner, two Northwest student organizations tried to help students and area residents understand arguably the most complex and hotly debated issue on the ballot, Amendment 2.

Tri-Beta, biological society, and Phi Sigma Tau, philosophy honor society, sponsored a two-part series, "Stem Cell Research and Cures: Understanding the Initiative" on Wednesday, Oct. 25 and Thursday, Oct. 26.

On Wednesday, "Part I: The Science," was featured. Keith Gary, director of program development Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute, spoke on the biological aspects of stem cell research.

During his presentation, Gary explained that somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) does not produce a new individual. Gary also highlighted the differences between adult and embryonic stem cells.

"It hasn't even been 10 years since the first human embryonic stem cell line was formed," Gary said. "So we've got quite a bit to go."

Gary also emphasized that scientists are strictly against human cloning, and that this is a new field where much research needs to be done before any treatments are available.

"No scientist I've talked to is for human cloning," Gary said. "People are worried that a black market will develop from this. People said the same thing about transplants, and sure enough, there was a black market. It's human nature. You are always going to have those who go upstream, away from civilization. That's why we need to make sure they get the stiff penalties."

Northwest assistant professor of history, humanities, philosophy and political science, Dan Smith, spoke about the amendment's language and legal implications.

"The language of the proposal is problematic, but that does not mean the proposal is problematic," Smith said.

According to Smith, embryonic research is currently illegal in Missouri, but the passage of the initiative would trump previous state rulings. The initiative would also not allow any interference from the state legislature. Also, the amendment would not allow the legislature to deny funds for stem cell research.

"The whole purpose is to represent the will of the people of Missouri," Smith said. "The challenge for us as voters is to understand the issue."

Smith encouraged all voters to read the full version of the amendment online at sos.mo.gov.

The second session, held the following evening in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom, focused more on the amendment's ethical and political implications.

Members of the campus and Maryville community gathered in the ballroom to hear supporting, opposing and neutral viewpoints on the issue from a panel of local and regional academic personnel.

Offering his support for the amendment, Stephen Morris, assistant professor of philosophy at Missouri Western State University, said the popular alternative to embryonic stem cell research—adult stem cell research—has not achieved the success its supporters say it has.

In its 50-year history, Morris said, adult stem cell research has only yielded nine treatments for illnesses, compared to the 65 treatments advocates claim it has offered.

Embryonic stem cell research, however, is less than a decade old, has more potential for medical breakthroughs and is not hindered by the limitations adult stem cell research faces, Morris said.

Christopher Anadale, associate professor of philosophy at Conception Seminary College in Conception, Mo., followed Morris' remarks by blasting the amendment for its sketchy wording on cloning and for putting research institutions above the law.

"There is a substantial gap between the people's understanding of the term 'cloning' and the definition offered in the amendment," Anadale said. "Voters must be able to figure out what the ballot means when they vote, or else there are serious errors in the electoral process."

Anadale also said passing the amendment would eliminate the right of citizens to take legal action if they are ever injured by stem cell therapies because any civil lawsuit would discourage future research.

Jerry Wilmes, Northwest's vice president of student affairs, took a more neutral approach on the amendment.

"In the public forum, controversial issues result in severe polarization," he said. "We have to look at the bigger, broader issue. What do we want to be as a society?"

Following the presentations, the panelists opened the floor to the audience for questions.

Seated in a wheelchair, due to a spinal cord injury, sophomore Tonya Arnett said all sides presented good arguments during the debate. However, she added, her support for Amendment 2 has been unwavering ever since she was injured.

"I'm already for it; this wasn't enough to change my opinions," Arnett said. "I did research about it after my injury, never having looked into it before."

"I support the benefits it could offer regarding cures. I originally thought it was about killing babies, and it wasn't."

Nuclear threat not imminent

Tara Adkins
Features Editor

He left in 1972. Today, he has no intention of ever going back.

Although Kichoon Yang, Northwest's provost, feels no great threat, the recent North Korea nuclear tests have discouraged him from ever visiting his home country of South Korea again.

The denotation of a nuclear device fizzle a small impact on the earth but left Americans and South Koreans in fear of future war threat.

On Oct. 9, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in North Korea conducted a nuclear bomb test. France, Japan, United Kingdom and United States, have agreed to issue sanctions against North Korea in response.

"It has nothing to do with religious or ethnic disputes but it is merely a result of extreme political ideals in a perverse regime," Yang said.

The bomb's wave of damage measured a 4.2 on the Richter scale, which causes insignificant damage, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

However, the nuclear tests have left concern among Northwest students whose home country of South Korea remains aware of their neighbor's possible threat.

Hyun Yoo, Northwest exchange student, feels her country's relationship with North Korea is strictly based on helping the poverty-stricken Korean peninsula and not with the production and testing of nuclear weapons.

"Contributing to help poor people is the only connection we have and we want to help and negotiate the problem of the nuclear tests to make a relationship," Yoo said. "If anything, Americans should be more fearful than us."

However, Northwest students have faith in their country's security as they are not feeling the wave of concern as people from across the world.

In a little worried because they could eventually target us and we don't need another terrorist attack," senior Abby Korner said. "But I feel that we don't need to worry about it too much because it was just a test and I feel secure here."

The U.S. State Department has dismissed any talks of the nuclear testing being over despite the South Korean Yonhap news agency reporting North Korean leader, Kim Jong Il guaranteed no future tests to China, according to NBC News.

However, scientists have agreed the test was a failure and North Korea's missiles are unlikely to carry a nuclear warhead especially that could reach the United States, according to CNN.

The United Nations Security Council has issued sanctions of international inspections on North Korea cargo. The United States said it will prevent North Korea from transferring hostile weapons of mass destruction groups and governments to the United States, according to ABC News.

"The key to making progress on North Korea is China, because it is the only country with some significant leverage on North Korea," Yang said. "But the greatest concern is just the one person who is a mentally challenged dictator."

Candidates gather at forum

Dominic Genetti
Community Editor

Just hours after Republican Sen. Jim Talent left Maryville to continue his campaign tour, the political focus turned to the First Christian Church at Third Street and Buchanan.

A small portion of local and area citizens turned out at a candidate's forum held by Maryville Business and Professional Women (BPW).

Candidates appearing on both the local and statewide ballot were invited to the forum. In attendance were state representative candidates Richard Oswald and Mike Thomson, state senator candidate Brad Lager, Nodaway County presiding commissioner candidates Joe Baumli and Bob Martin along with Nodaway County clerk candidates Beth (Hann) Walker and Melissa Wallace.

Sara Jo Shettles and Sam Graves both sent representatives to the forum. Tom Brown spoke for Graves and Rob Ritterbush spoke in place of Shettles.

Wallace and Walker began talking about their qualifications for the position of county clerk. Wallace said she was a good learner and well qualified for the position.

Walker said her experience plays a role in her reelection attempt and the

job of county clerk is hands on.

Lager, Oswald, Thomson, Brown and Ritterbush followed tackling several different issues involving Missouri including the Homestead Preservation Act and Amendment 2, stem cell research, was discussed as well.

Lager said the Homestead Preservation Act froze taxes allowing senior citizens to stay in their homes and avoid eviction from the rise of taxes.

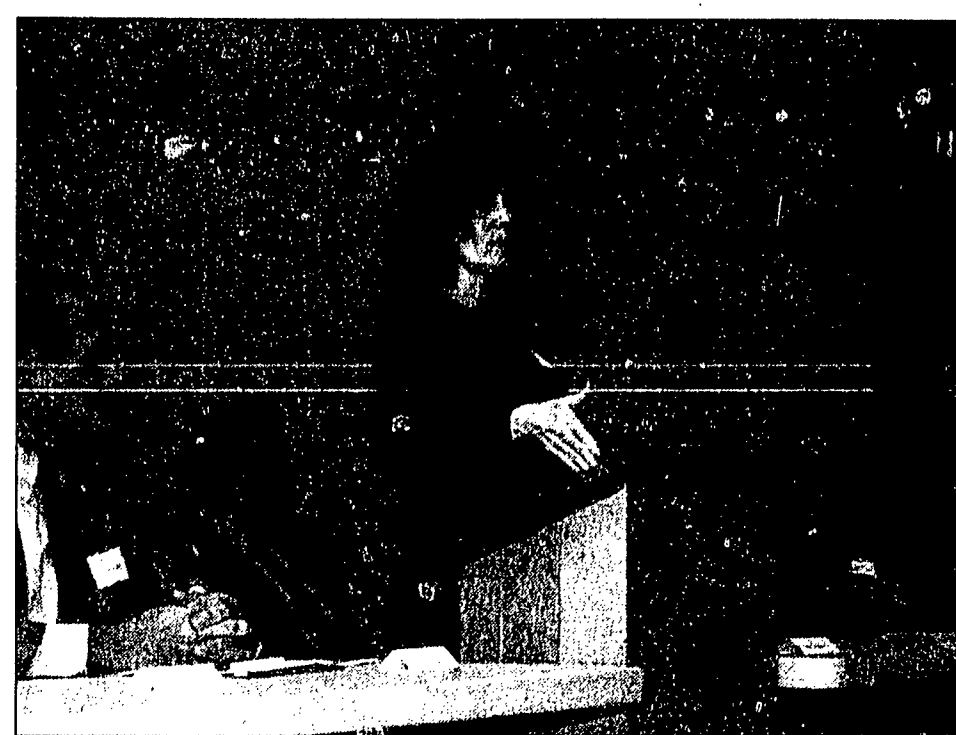
As for Amendment 2 and the factors involved, Lager said, "I am not opposed to stem cell research. I do oppose Amendment two." To sum things up, Lager said he morally disagrees with the amendment proposal.

Other topics discussed and asked were those of education, taxes along with benefits and funding for farmers' families and land.

When things completed for the evening many attendees met with the politicians.

However, Frank Kowal questioned money spending and funds. "The question that needs to be addressed is the accountability of public funds, regardless of party," Kowal said. "Where they are spent and how they are accounted for."

Specifically today you will read in the newspapers and the radio and TV that there are somewhere \$600-800 mil-



County clerk incumbent Beth (Hann) Walker speaks during a candidate forum Thursday night at First Christian Church.

lion in Iraq that is totally unaccounted for."

Fraud and Medicare were issues with Kowal, too.

"There was no mention of how that was determined," Kowal said.

"George Bush, when he was campaigning, specifically stated he would not take revenue from Social Security trust funds."

Voters can express their opinions at the polls on Election Day, Nov. 7.

Sewer rates rise due to permit

Kristin Summers
Chief Reporter

Due to the tightened guidelines, the city of Maryville will have to change its wastewater treatment.

In August 2008, Maryville will receive a new permit with improved regulations that will be implemented not only in Maryville but also throughout Missouri.

Greg Decker, director of Public Works, said the new guidelines are drastic changes and that the current treatment facility in Maryville, which is a lagoon system, can meet the updated requirements.

In order to meet the updated guidelines, sewage rate need to be increased, Decker said. Mike Rietz, city manager, said the sewage rate would increase \$8 per household.

Maryville is looking into a building a new water treatment plant that is estimated to cost \$10 million, Rietz said.

The rate increase will go toward engineer cost for the treatment plant. Around \$1 million will go to engineer cost, Rietz said. He also said if the treatment plant is approved that he could see the sewage rate increasing more.

Rietz and Decker went to Jefferson City this past summer and received the draft permit with the new requirements, which Decker said could change before August 2008.

The city has been working on coming up with options to meet the new regulations for the past year hopes for a plan to be in effect by

summer 2007.

The wastewater facility would need to be finished by 2011, Rietz said — three years after the new permit.

Decker said that the city is not nervous about the new guidelines but that the issue is a top priority.

The new facility would help produce cleaner waste and that all the options given to the city by engineers are expensive, according to Decker.

Maryville is currently looking at firms to design the new facility. Rietz said. He also said the lagoon sewage system has been in Maryville around 35 years.

"It would certainly serve the community for 10 to 15 years," Rietz said about the new wastewater treatment plant.

A public forum will be held at the City Council meeting at 7 p.m., Nov. 6 at City Hall, discussing the city of Maryville is looking into in order to deal with the improved sewage treatment guidelines.

Local children celebrate Halloween in a safer way

Sarah Dulinsky
Missourian Reporter

Goblins, witches and even a Sponge Bob Square Pants overtook the streets of Maryville Monday night.

The city held its 11th Annual Downtown Trick or Treat Night thanks in part to Kathy Rice, owner of Movie Magic.

To promote the downtown area, 51 businesses participated this year, Rice said.

"We keep doing it every year, because everyone has a good time," she said.

Businesses like Domino's Pizza and Maryville Florist passed out candy, balloons and other goodies to children dressed up in a costume. The downtown area from Third

to Fifth streets was blocked off to divert traffic away from the crowd. Maryville Public Safety DARE officers Rick Small and Jeff VonBehren passed out glow sticks on the north side of the Courthouse Square. Most of the business employees dressed up as well to make the event entertaining for children.

Several parents thought this was a safer alternative to regular door-to-door trick or treating.

"I feel that my kids are safe because I can be here with them and we know all the businesses have a good reputation," Maryville parent Tammy Groat said.

Families got to enjoy the event from 5 to 7 p.m. before streets reopened.

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-OUR VIEW

Bittersweet Defeat

This time disappointment was bittersweet. Four of the members of the *Northwest Missourian* sat anxiously in St. Louis as we waited to find out if we would place in the top 1 percent of college newspapers in the nation. But as the names of the winners flashed across in slideshow fashion, our faces dropped as the *Missourian* online and print edition weren't called.

A few months ago we found out that the Associated Collegiate Press nominated us for a Pacemaker, which puts us in the top 2 percent of college newspapers in the country—a feat that hasn't been accomplished in years. Our adviser, Laura Widmer, was also delighted that not only were we nominated, but *Tower Yearbook* was as well.

While we erupted with applause and cheers as we accepted *Tower's* Pacemaker award because no one could attend the ceremony, we were struck with sadness when our names weren't called as well.

But, after this brief pity party, we began to smile again for we knew that even though we didn't place in the best of the best, we still accomplished so much by getting nominated in the first place.

We held our heads high as we left the room because we learned more than the fate of the award that weekend. After talking to numerous students from across the nation about their own student-led newspaper, we learned that we truly have something to be treasured at the *Missourian*.

Every countless hour in the basement of Wells Hall is not lost with the unclaimed Pacemaker. Many of us come in at 9 a.m. only to turn the keys in our ignitions at 2 a.m. some nights just to do what we love doing: writing quality stories, taking amazing photographs, and designing pages that serve our community to the best of our ability.

Sure, we are here for the experience and a chance to make our resumes stand out, but it's truly our love of the field of journalism that keeps us here day in and day out—literally.

So, maybe we didn't come in No. 1, but we think that's OK. We still plan on providing you the best coverage possible, events, sports, human interest pieces and all, and next year we'll submit entries again and take the lesson from the loss.

That's all you can really do, live and learn and know there's always next time.

We think this lesson also speaks much of life in general and a lesson could be learned by all of us.

Without the bitter, the sweet would never taste as good.

-GOVERNOR'S COLUMN

Keeping students safe at school

Recent events in schools across our nation and in Missouri have captured our attention and emphasized the importance of school safety. As a parent and governor, I can speak for all of us when I say that the quality education we want for our students is surpassed only by the expectation that our children be safe while they are at school.



Matt Blunt
Missouri Governor

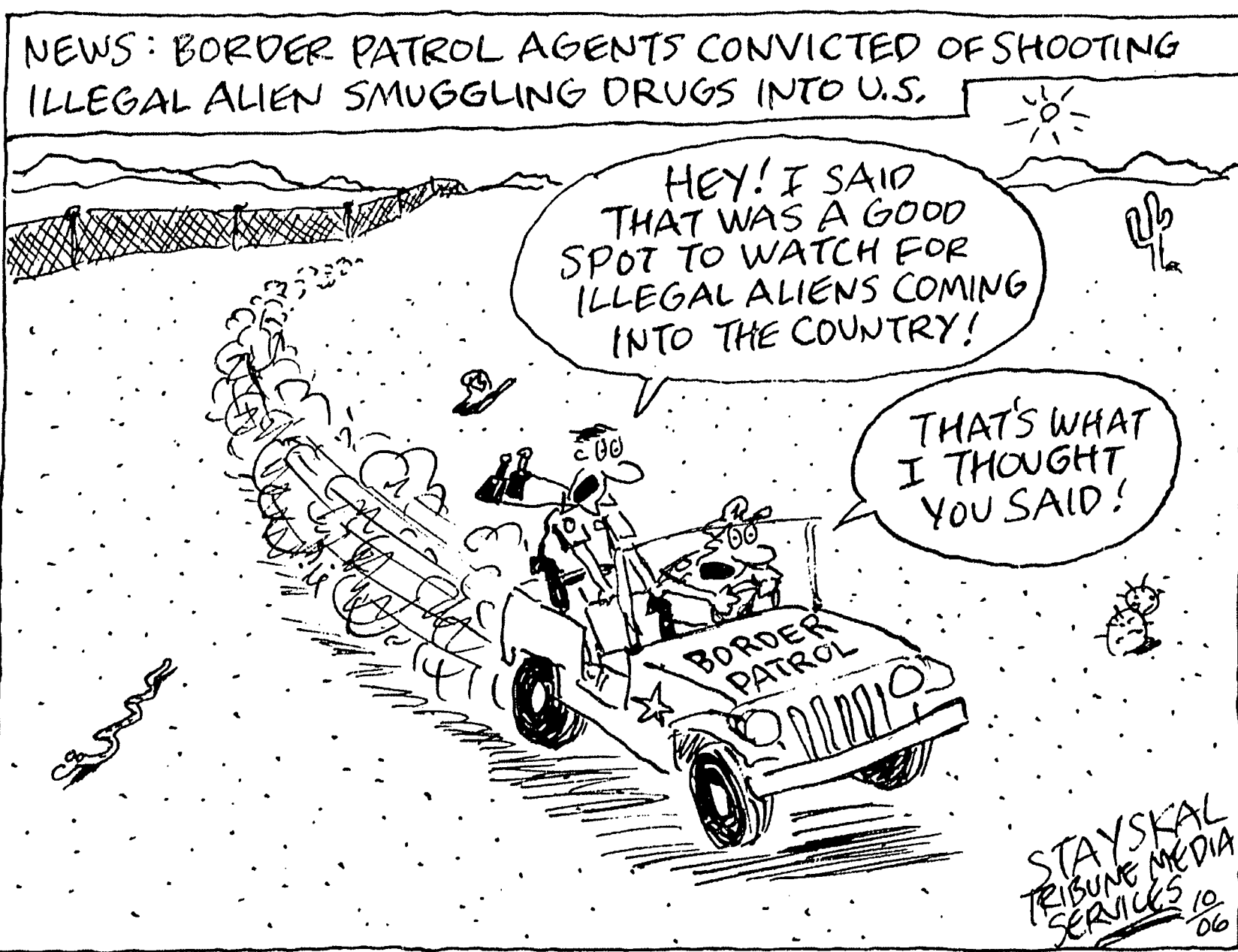
The vast majority of our schools have not witnessed extraordinary violence, but we cannot take the lack of violence for granted. Safe and secure schools are a consequence of deliberate, proactive planning involving school boards and school personnel in partnership with state and local law enforcement, public health, and other first-responders.

In September, my Homeland Security Advisory Council established a Safe School Working Group to ensure our state has a seamless approach to school safety. The group is evaluating an all-hazards planning tool for schools to address health safety issues and is examining the possibility of using Homeland Security grant money to expand the use of this tool to include preparation for a terrorist attack or a hostage situation.

This month I convened a school safety Internet broadcast called

Enhancing School Safety: A Dialogue on Targeted School Violence that brought together our schools, law enforcement personnel, first responders, parents and community members to discuss school safety issues. You can view the broadcast through our Education Solutions Global Network at www.esn.tv. To build on the success of the Internet broadcast, I am encouraging Missouri's schools to implement the following recommendations:

1. Create a comprehensive school safety plan and review that plan on a regular basis. 2. Include all levels of public safety personnel as well as all sectors of school personnel (instructional, administrative and functional staff) in the planning process. 3. Continue to communicate with stakeholders on providing safe schools, including parents, students, staff, administration and public safety personnel. 4. Provide training on school safety procedures.
- This week I also signed an executive order to add a school representative to regional homeland security teams around the state so that our elementary and secondary schools are actively engaged in homeland security planning and can voice what some of their needs are to best protect students.



-COLUMN

McCaskill should make rebuttal appearance

Now that Jim Talent has come through Maryville to get the support of northwest Missouri for his campaign, there is no doubt in my mind that Claire McCaskill should do the same.



Dominic Genetti
Community Editor

Northwest Missouri is a region full of people with many different political views, both republican and democratic and to have one major political figure visit the region is not fair to the public.

Jim Talent's visit to this city, this county and this region helped his campaign and his party. Talent communicated with everyone who came to see him; tackling very

important views involving our state and our country, but his appearance alone showed that he cares about small town America and these people's vote.

Now I'm not saying that McCaskill doesn't care, don't get me wrong, but when someone like Talent comes to the area to charge up Republicans, local Democrats are

going to wonder when their time is going to come for their representative or possible representative to make an appearance.

The state of Missouri truly is a swing state. The votes in this state can go in any direction and it is best for the candidates to reach out and

speak with every community.

Sending out a representative can only go so far. People want to see and hear from the actual candidate.

I'm getting tired of little messengers running around telling me that I should vote for Talent or McCaskill. It may come as a shock to some politicians, but some people in this country, i.e. me, are neither democratic nor republican.

I am simply an American and as an American citizen I am going to choose who is the right person to go to represent Missouri in the U.S. Senate. It doesn't matter if they're black, white, male, female, republican or democratic.

The best way to make a decision is to hear the candidates. You

can try to absorb the hoopla of television ads, but credibility is so hard to find from that resource. Communication is the key and Talent proved that with his Maryville visit last week, but still I want to know what McCaskill has to say.

I, like many, are still not sure who to vote for in this Senate race, but a visit from McCaskill can help me make my decision. This way on Nov. 7, I can go to the polls as an American voter and really truly vote for the candidate that deserves the job. I would be able to say that I heard from both candidates and not some intern with a Blackberry.

To make a long story short, we're waiting for you Ms. McCaskill. When will you arrive in Maryville?

-LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sudanese flag absent at International Plaza

At least three Sudanese students have attended Northwest in the last three years, and two are enrolled this fall but there is no Sudanese flag at the Joyce and Harvey White International Plaza.

The Whites established the plaza as both a gateway to the heart of campus and a reminder to students to embrace and celebrate cultural, national and political differences.

According to Jeffrey Foot, director of International affairs, the policy governing the Plaza stands that only students with I-1 student visas should have their flag at the Plaza.

Abraham Mayola and Bichok Deng are both students at Northwest; Deng seeks glory for Northwest in the track team and Mayola hopes to join the team next

season. Mayola is among the hundreds of refugees highlighted in the "Lost Boys of Sudan," an Emmy-nominated documentary by Megan Mylan and Jon Shenk highlighting their struggle from Africa to United States as their country was torn by war and strife.

Mayola was a young man when all the strife started, he remembers as the Janjaweed swept through their village with fire and munitions killing everyone on their path.

Mayola and thousands of other refugees were banished out of their homes in the dark of the night amidst the screams of dying children and screams of their sisters and mothers being raped.

Miraculously, Mayola survived and he and others took refuge in

Ethiopia but later driven out after a bloody coup of Dictator Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam by Meles Zenawi.

The refugees would finally settle in northern Kenya where Mayola and other lucky boys would later be taken refuge by the United States.

Foot says the ideology behind the Plaza to students is "their flag reminds them of home and it's a welcoming message and it's comfortable."

The Sudanese may be residents in the United States but they are not in the United States on their own will and the blood of the fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers and other relatives still stain the soils of Sudan.

President Bush acknowledged Tuesday morning that the situation in Darfur is grim is just but

a test for the entire world community as the death toll tips over 200,000 and millions continue to be displaced.

For international students, the plaza means a lot to them, for me, it's a source of pride, but for the Sudanese, it's a reminder of home, the home they never had.

Foot and the International and Intercultural Center should change this policy and accommodate the Sudanese students.

Northwest as a diverse community should acknowledge such facts and the least Northwest can do is to let the Sudanese students know that we know their plight and that could not be demonstrated better than flying their flag at the Plaza.

Sam Muchiri
Northwest Student

CAMPUSTALK

How do you feel about the registration process?



"I like it, it's easy,"
Ryan Helt
Incoming Digital Media



"It's easy! Once you figure out how to use it, it's simple."
Phillip Dawson
Secondary Education



"I've only done it once, but it was easy."
Bryana Haugen
Elementary Education



"I'd rather do that than walk to the Administration Building."
Molly Kresha
Speech



"I've never even been on CATpaws."
Clayton Nienhaus
Business Management

OBITUARIES

Ralph Eugene "Sox" Gordon, 80, Maryville, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Beverly Healthcare in Maryville.

He was born Nov. 26, 1925 in Hopkins, Mo., the son of Glenn and Gladys (Bauer) Gordon. A 1943 graduate of Hopkins High School, Ralph was a farmer, he ran the Phillips 66 Station in Hopkins for many years and worked as a sales manager for Oden Enterprises in Wahoo, Neb. Ralph married Emily Arida Gray, Dec. 1, 1966 in Hopkins.

A member of the Way Methodist United Methodist Church in Hopkins, he had also been a member of the Xenia Masonic Lodge No. 50 AF & AM, the Maryville Elks Lodge # No. 760 and Eagle's Aerie No. 3669 and Ralph served four years as a Nodaway County Commissioner.

His parents, a sister, Marjorie Ringold and two brothers, Carl and Glenn Jay Gordon, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Emily, of their home; daughter, Jan Reno, Maryville; son, Ronald Gordon, Creston, Iowa; step-daughter, Tammy Strong, Hopkins; step-son, Clint Strong, Ala.; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother, Richard Gordon, Flower Mound, Texas and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006 at Price Funeral Home, Maryville.

Burial was in Hopkins Cemetery, Hopkins. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Frank Hugh "Chip" Strong, Jr., 55, Maryville, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at his home after a long battle with cancer.

He was born April 4, 1951 in Alexandria, Va., to Frank and Vivian (Glasscock) Strong. On Nov. 23, 2005 he married Ann McClure in Maryville.

Strong was presently shareholder, director and president of the firm of Strong & Strong, P.C. Office located in Maryville. In 1966 Chip earned his Eagle Scout award. He was a 1969 graduate of Maryville High School, where he actively participated in football, basketball and golf. His senior year he was awarded the Hooper Academic Athlete Award. He received his B.S. degree from Northwest Missouri State University, where he graduated with honors in 1973. In 1976 he received his J.D. from the University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Law. He was admitted to the Missouri Bar in April 1977.

His professional activities include being a member of the Missouri Bar, American Bar Association, and the Nodaway County and Fourth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, of which he was a past president.

Memorials may be given in Myron's name to the Maryville First United Methodist Church or the Hands of Hope Hospice in St. Joseph.

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POWOW: Native American culture dances at Northwest

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competitive and non-competitive categories.

The categories progressed by age, beginning with the non-competitive "tiny tots" group and ending with the "golden age" group, which featured elder powwow participants.

Dancers performed a wide range of styles to traditional American Indian music, including traditional, grass dancing, fancy dancing, fancy shawl and jingle dress. Awards were handed out for the best performances later that evening.

Some participants were true powwow veterans, like Mike Matwaashah of the Kickapoo and Potawatomi tribes, who also attended the first Northwest Powwow.

"I've participated in powwows since I was knee-high to a grasshopper—most of my life you might say," he said. "Sometimes it's the only time I get to see some of the people I know."

That wasn't the case for four-year-old Sioux Winona Ayon, who was dancing for the first time Saturday.

As she wandered about the arena's bleachers before her performance, her mother, Paula, said she is trying to get Winona involved with the powwow community.

"I've never danced, but I encourage her to. She's working with an instructor to learn different kinds of dances," she said. "We're taking her out and getting her started before she gets too old."

Participants were clad head-to-toe in regalia. In addition to the musical sounds of drum groups Little Soldiers and Young Omaha, the arena was filled with the jingle of bells on dresses and moccasins. Dancers flashed their feathers, beads and tassels as they were judged in competition or danced with fellow participants during the numerous "intertribal dances."

Athone said there is more to an American Indian's outfit than just the style and color.

"Every outfit tells a story. There's a real creative mind

involved," she said. "I got my outfit from one of my friends. She told me I'd be able to wear it well."

A new addition to the festivities was the inaugural presentation of the Northwest Native American Scholarship. Funding for the award began with the first powwow two years ago through the sale of T-shirts and posters.

However, a donation last year from alumnus Earl Shelton, '49, helped the scholarship fund get off the ground.

Barbara Crossland, chair of Northwest's Curriculum and Instruction Department and head of the powwow's organizational committee, presented the \$500 award to junior Jeni Fee.

"We think about our young men and women in the Middle East during this time of conflict. We always have the color guard lead us [into the arena] to honor them,"

Manny King, emcee

Proceeds from Saturday's T-shirt and poster sale, combined with audience donations, totaled around \$1,000, Crossland said. The money will go directly into the scholarship fund.

Donations are still needed and appreciated, she said. Those interested in making a contribution can contact her at 562-1776.

Crossland said she felt this year's spectator attendance was "lighter" than the previous two years. However, she still believes the powwow was a success.

"I received several positive comments from our (American Indian) participants," she said. "It was a good day; everyone enjoyed themselves."

PACEMAKER: Tower wins prestigious award

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all the hard work paid off.

She was excited to find out the book won a Pacemaker.

"It was a team effort on everyone's part," Petrovic said. "I had a terrific staff that year and couldn't have done it without them."

Trevor Hayes, the current editor-in-chief of the *Northwest Missourian*, was the sports editor while the winning yearbook was produced.

Hayes said he is still getting used to the fact the yearbook received the award, but once the current yearbook's deadline is met next week it will sink in.

He said the fact that the majority of the

2004-05 staff had experience from the previous year helped out a lot.

Hayes also said Petrovic's guidance really helped the staff out.

"With her leadership we were able to improve on what we learned the year before," Hayes said.

Tower, as well as the *Northwest Missourian* online edition and *Heartland View*, an online travel magazine, were last nominated for the award two years ago. The last time the *Missourian* was nominated was 2003. The last time the yearbook received a Pacemaker was in 2003, the newspaper won the award in 1997 and the online edition won a Pacemaker in 2004.

VOTING: Polls off-campus

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having a polling site on campus.

Students can travel home on Saturday, Nov. 4, and vote in their county from 8 a.m. to noon at the county office, only in the state of Missouri, Walker said.

On-campus students who have registered to vote can vote from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, at the First Christian Church on the corner Third and Buchanan streets.

Other polling places are determined by where residents live throughout Maryville. On the back of voting registration cards it shows depending on where someone lives where they go to vote, according to Walker.

Elliot said that any student who needs to ride to the polls on Tuesday can e-mail the Student Affairs office or call 562-1242.

Joe Baumli — DEMOCRAT Candidate for Presiding Commissioner of Nodaway County



Family Man
Joe and Roseann have three children, five grandchildren and Max.



Farmer

• Fourth generation native born near Barnard, attended school at Conception and South Nodaway.
• B.A. and M.A. degrees from Northwest Missouri State University; PhD from the University of Missouri, Kansas City
• 15 years experience owning and operating two successful businesses and farming interests
• Serving on numerous city and township committees
• Eight years as Pulk Township Zoning Director
• Member Maryville Industrial Development Corporation Board of Directors
• Numerous positions on Church boards and committees
• Member of various organizations and benevolent societies

Nodaway County must have a Presiding Commissioner who cares about the county and its citizens and who is not afraid to make decisions even if those decisions may place him at a political disadvantage. With Joe Baumli as your Presiding Commissioner, decisions will be made promptly, courteously and in a business like atmosphere. Citizens' concerns must be addressed without placing the burden of responsibility upon steering committees or other people. The County Commission will render decisions responsibly and fairly and will be open minded to the concerns throughout the county. The Commission will operate the county like a business, because that is exactly what it is—a very large business, and we the taxpayers of the county are the investors in the business of county government. Therefore we must get a dollar in value for every tax dollar spent.

We must have a Presiding Commissioner who not only will render decisions fairly, promptly, and in a business like manner but must also promote the economic interests of all the county. Many of our rural communities are losing their businesses and economic base. Incentives must be offered to encourage citizens to modernize and update homes and businesses and install a new vitality in our rural communities. Rural economic development must be promoted throughout the county. Federal, state, and other grant monies have not been diligently sought in the past and we must take advantage of all offers of these funds. The lack of affordable housing throughout the county is the often heard complaint from the leaders of industry in the county and therefore we must promote not only new cheaper housing but create incentives for our rural communities to modernize, update, and revamp many of the beautiful old homes in their towns that could attract new residents and employees of our factories. Farming is one of the three pillars that maintain the county's economy. Coupled with our university and industry, agriculture throughout the county must be encouraged but it must be promoted consistent with the health and safety of all of our citizens. Family farms are the very backbone of this area and we must do everything we can to promote our local hard working farmers. Since good lines of communication are the keys to success in every business, the citizens of Nodaway County must be kept informed of what is going on concerning the spending of their tax dollars. The County Commission with Joe Baumli as your Presiding Commissioner will release weekly to all newspapers in the county what the business of the county is. Citizens will be informed of the needs, concerns, and problems brought before the Commission and therefore will be informed and aware of what they can do to impact the decision making.

Of the two candidates vying for the office of Presiding Commissioner, I believe that I am the best qualified for the job. I have 25 years experience owning and operating two successful businesses. I also have farming background and farming interests. My educational experience and common sense values of rural America have taught me that through hard work and dedication one can succeed. I believe that I bring to the voters of Nodaway County the opportunity to put business back in county government.

From Parnell to Gullford, Graham to Elmo, and all points in between, Joe Baumli will be a voice for ALL Nodaway County and ALL of Nodaway County's citizens.

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Northwest Grad Student

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AFC A Division II Coaches' Poll

Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

Rank	School	Record
1.	Grand Valley St. (26)	8-0
2.	Northwest (1)	7-0
3.	West Alabama (1)	8-0
4.	North Carolina Central	8-0
5.	Shepherd (W. Va.)	7-0
6.	Bloomburg (Pa.)	7-1
7.	Nebraska-Omaha	6-1
8.	Pittsburg St.	7-1
9.	Chadron St. (Neb.)	8-0
10.	North Dakota	6-1
11.	South Dakota	6-1
12.	Valdosta St. (Ga.)	6-1
13.	West Texas A & M	7-1
14.	Abilene Christian (Texas)	7-0
15.	Newberry (S.C.)	8-0
16.	Missouri Western	7-1
17.	Northwood (Mich.)	6-1
18.	Tiffin (Ohio)	8-0
19.	Delta St. (Miss.)	6-2
20.	Indiana (Pa.)	6-1
21.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	6-2
22.	Lane (Tenn.)	7-1
23.	Elizabeth City St. (N.C.)	7-1
24.	Winona St. (Minn.)	6-2
25.	Midwestern St. (Texas)	6-2

Top 10 National poll

D2football.com

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4.	NC Central	8-0
5.	Bloomburg	7-1
6.	Shepherd	7-0
7.	Nebraska-Omaha	6-1
8.	South Dakota	7-1
9.	North Dakota	6-1
10.	Pittsburg St.	7-1

Lots on the line for both teams

Josh Mathews welcomes the challenge. The junior quarterback isn't worried about the possibility of added pressure now that half of Northwest's running attack is in question.

He's ready for it. "Anytime you got the possibility of have more attempts, it excites you as a quarterback," he said. "Obviously under the circumstances it's unfortunate."

With starting running back Xavier Omon questionable and backup running back LaRon Council out with a broken leg, all eyes of the Pittsburg State defense might be on Mathews.

"I'll limit a little bit of what we do but not a whole lot, I don't think. Hopefully we'll throw the ball a little bit," Mathews said. "...I would definitely say I'm up for the challenge."

On the season, Mathews has completed 63.3 percent of his passes, thrown for 1,054 passing yards, 16 touchdowns and just five interceptions.

Mathews said Pittsburg State runs a cover-3, 4-2 defense for the most part. "We have some things drawn up that, that we'll try to take advantage of that," Mathews said.

The options for the running game right now are Brant Gregg and Sheldon Cook, who have played in two games apiece for a total of 90 rushing yards. Fullback Zach Sherman will also be in the backfield, he has played in all nine games but has only carried the ball six times for a total of 46 yards.

Offensive line coach Adam Dorrel said that he feels the team was pretty balanced even before Omon and Council went out, he thinks 53 percent of the offensive plays are rushing but feels confident in the passing game.

"I think in a game like this, he's got to be a careful, he doesn't have to go in and win that game for us Saturday," Dorrel said. "...Let's face it our defense is really good and we don't have to go in there and win that football game by ourselves."

On defense, Northwest can expect to see plenty of Germaine Race.

The Pittsburg State running back averages 133 rushing yards in games against Northwest. In the past two years, the one game North-

west won—last postseason in the quarterfinals—Race was out due to injury.

"Well if you look at his average (holding him) to 135 yards, for him, is probably pretty good," Bostwick said. "The thing about him is the offensive line is so damn good... We need to get after him, get our pads on him, we got to get him to drop the ball a little bit."

Besides Race, quarterback Geno Walters poses a threat. Walters replaces an injured Mark Smith and in eight games this season he has thrown 11 touchdowns, completed 67.1 percent of his passes and just three interceptions.

"The absolute strength of their football team is their running offense," Bostwick said. "But this kid, what he presents, a situation where the play action and the shots deeper are a little bit more of a concern because he throws it so well."

Bostwick also said wide receiver Bryan Pray adds to the offense, which he said will pose challenges. Pray averages 95.4 yards per game and has seven touchdowns on the season.

"Caught a lot of deep balls, and hurt a lot of people that way," Bostwick said. "You pick your poison."

Maybe one thing that could give Northwest a disadvantage is that they have never trailed this whole season, begging the question how would they respond to the adversity if that happened?

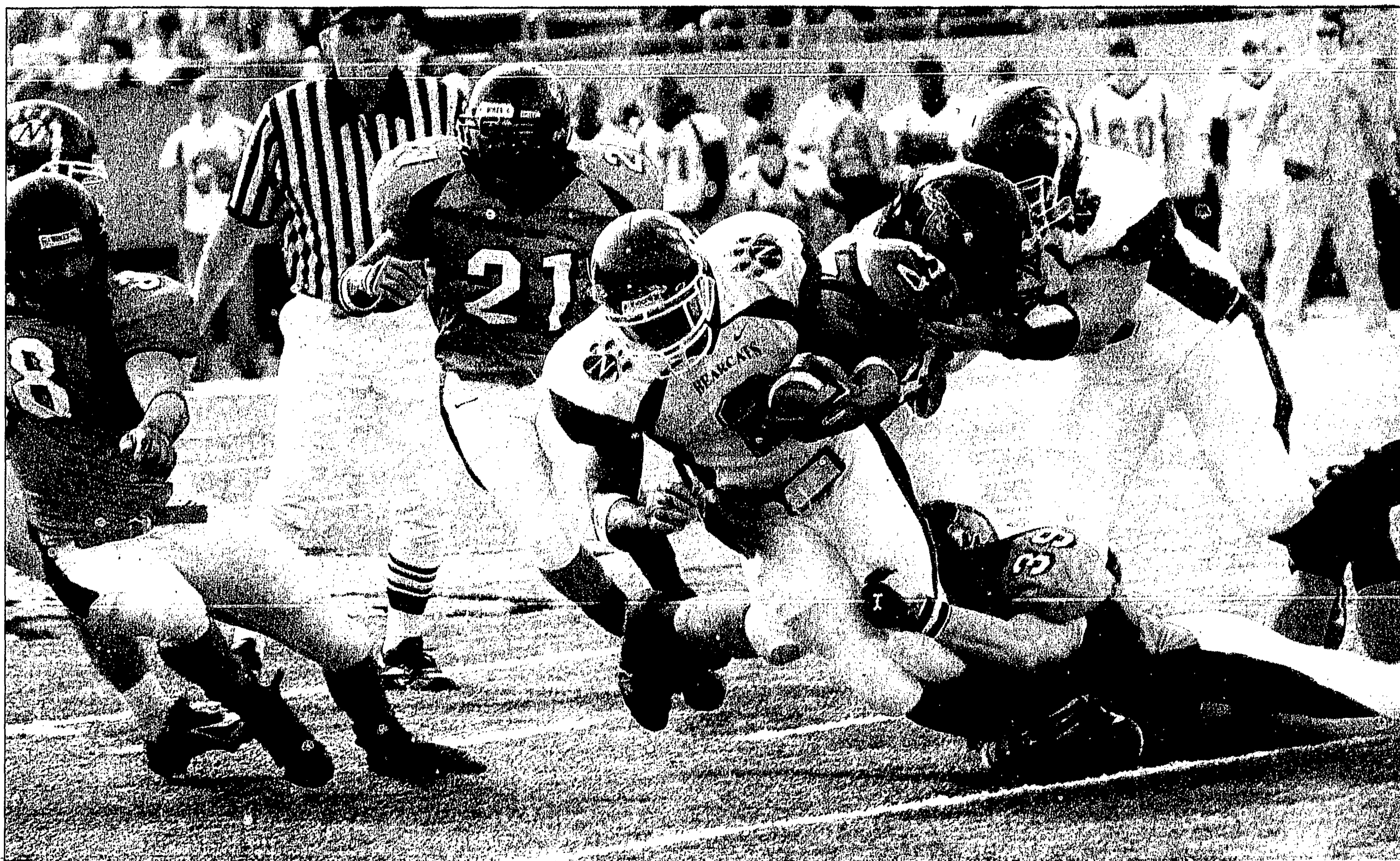
"I don't know if you can play into that. I guess we've never been in that situation and we won't know how we'll respond until we have been there," Bostwick said.

The fifth installment of the Fall Classic begins at 2 p.m., Saturday, at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City.

Pittsburg State enters the game 8-1 on the season and No. 8 in both the national rankings and in the Southwest Region. If Pittsburg State wants to reach the playoffs, they will need to beat Northwest or their chances of getting in are pretty slim.

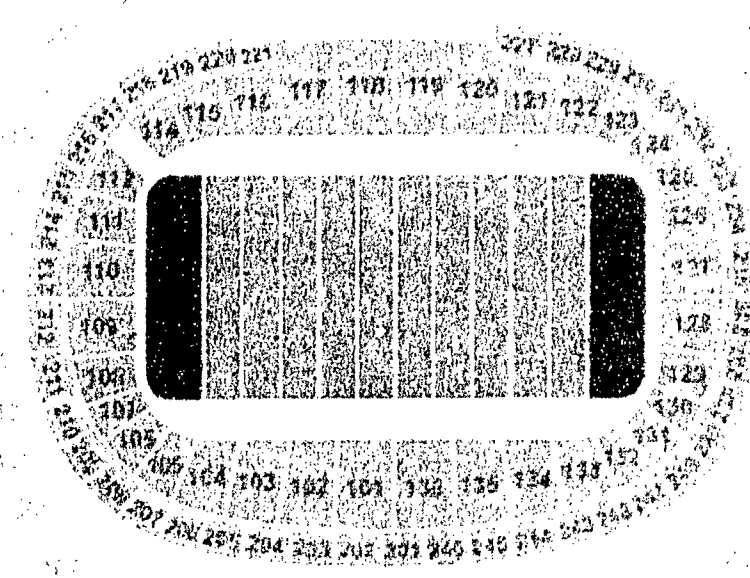
However, from Northwest's point of view, even if the No. 2 Bearcats—who are No. 1 in the region and 9-0 on the season—lose the game their playoff chances aren't at risk.

"It's not a must-win," Bostwick said. "If we win the game, great, we will have assured ourselves at least a tie of the conference title. If we lose the game, we got win one more to get a tie, it's not a must-win."



Central Missouri defenders bring down Northwest running back Xavier Omon on Saturday in Warrensburg. Northwest won the game but Omon suffered a rib injury in the third quarter. Omon is questionable for this week's game.

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—NW FOOTBALL

Classic still popular after five years

Brett Barger
Assistant Sports Editor

KANSAS CITY—In the sports world, Division I programs occupy the college football world.

With the Fall Classic between Northwest and Pittsburg State in its fifth year, it's remained a hot ticket around the area.

During Tuesday's news conference at Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City Chiefs President and General Manager Carl Peterson spoke of the excitement of the game between "two outstanding football teams, outstanding athletic departments and outstanding universities."

"Each year, I look forward to this and I think a lot of our people do because it's exciting to have great college football played at Arrowhead Stadium," Peterson said.

With the exception of last year's game, which Pittsburg State won handily, 56-35, every game has not been a letdown. In 2004, Northwest and Pittsburg State, ranked No. 2 and No. 1 in the nation and both 10-0, took the game to the wire with Pittsburg State winning 21-17. It was the first time ever that the No. 1 and No. 2 teams met in the regular-season finale.

Since 2002, Northwest and Pittsburg State have averaged over 23,000 fans a year at Arrowhead. In the inaugural year, dubbed the "Clash of the Champions," a new Division II attendance record was set, when 26,695 fans watched Northwest defeat Pittsburg State, 29-7.

With both schools less than two hours away from Kansas City, the event has certain recruiting advantages for both schools and for the Kansas City Chiefs. Chiefs Pro Bowl long snapper Kendall Gammon is an alumnus of Pittsburg State. Although Gammon never played in

the Fall Classic, Northwest alumnus and Chiefs rookie defensive lineman Steve Williams did take part in the game.

Peterson said there will be scouts at the game Saturday, but did not indicate who they were looking at in particular.

"It's a little bit of an advantage for us," Peterson said. "We're going to look for players at any level because you can't limit yourself. We have a great saying in our business, 'it's not where you begin, it's where you end.'"

Despite the consistent attendance, ticket selling has become a little tougher each year. In 2002, the game was on a Thursday night, which leaves less competition. Since then, the game has been on Saturday, where there is more competition.

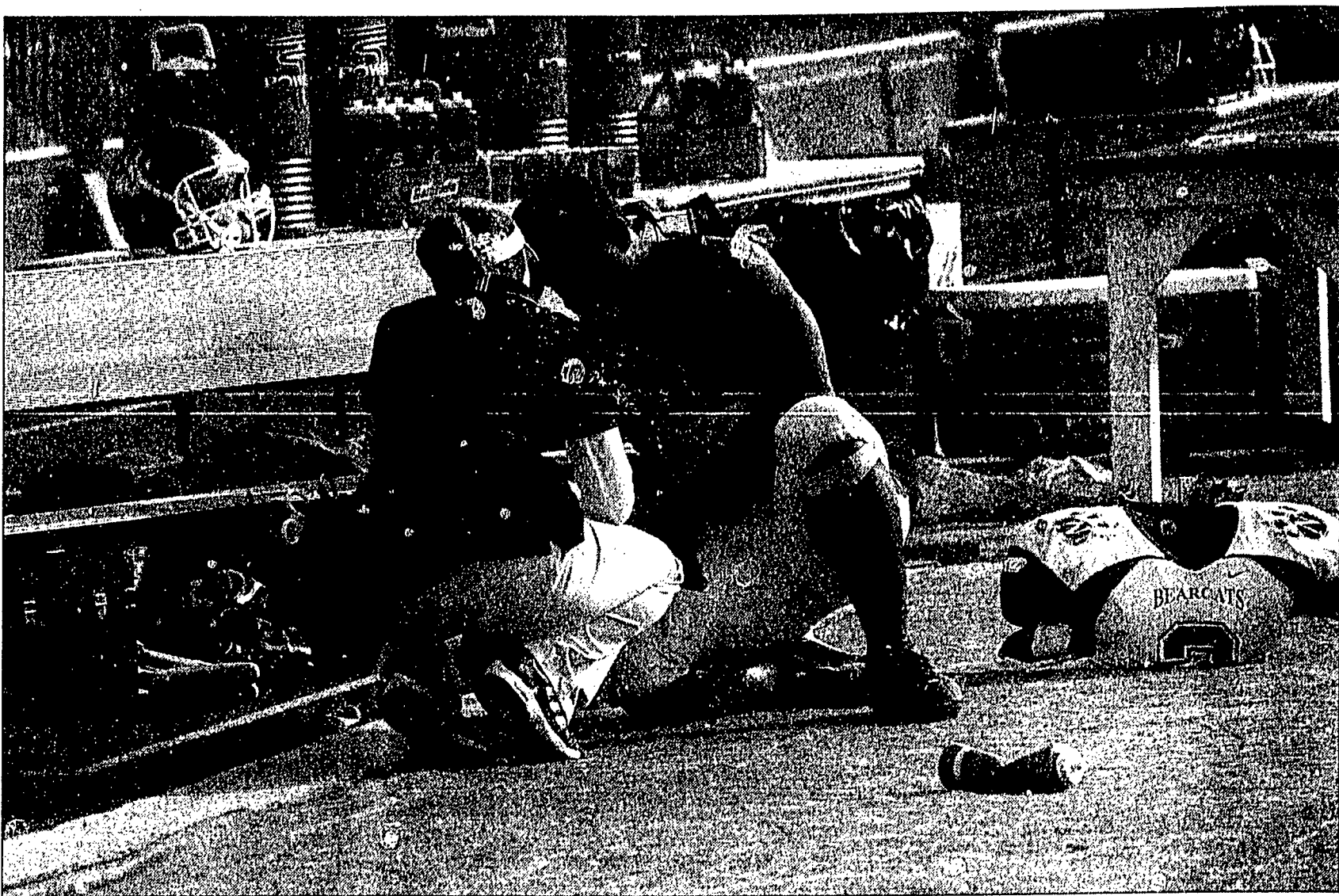
"It's remained a challenge," Peterson said. Northwest Athletic Director Bob Boerigter. "But it's one that we've been able to keep."

Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma admitted that he had doubts, in the first year, about the success of a Division II football game in Arrowhead after attending the Big 12 Football Championship in 2000, which has been hosted by the Chiefs three times (2000, 2003, 2004).

"When we came here for the first time, I had my doubts about how it was all going to work," Tjeerdsma said. "As far as I'm concerned, we're treated just like the Big 12. That's meant more to me and to our staff and to our players than anything else is the fact the (Kansas City) Chiefs treat us the same."

The Fall Classic is scheduled to run through 2007. "I think it's a great atmosphere for Division II football," Tjeerdsma said. "The exposure we've got here in the last four years has been really good for the MIAA and Division II football in the Midwest."

—NW FOOTBALL



Athletic trainer Kelly Quinlin tends to running back Xavier Omon after he suffered an injury Saturday against the University of Central Missouri during a 31-14 win.

Injuries hit 'Cats at inopportune time

Omon questionable for Saturday's game

Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

The Northwest athletic trainers are earning their paychecks.

Injuries for the Northwest football team continued to climb within the past month, after a fairly healthy first month of the season.

And on Saturday the team probably suffered the costliest hits of the season.

Starting running back Xavier Omon right now is the biggest question mark now after he took a blow to his side Saturday.

"Well, we're just not sure (if he'll play); we're still exploring some possibilities," he said.

Omon injured a rib Saturday against the University of Central Missouri early in the third quarter. While the depth of the running back is pretty strong, just minutes later backup LaRon Council broke his leg on the same drive, ending his season.

"That was costly, wasn't it?" offensive line/running game coordinator Adam Dorrel said after Saturday's game. "It's frustrating."

Between them, Omon and Council, have a combined 1,328 rushing yards on the season. Now the attention turns to backups Brant Gregg and Sheldon Cook, who have only carried the ball 32 times for 90 yards on the season.

Gregg filled in the hole Saturday for Council and Omon as he rushed 15 times for 20 yards and one touchdown. Cook did not play because of the limitations of a 54-man traveling roster.

"We're preparing as if he (Omon) would be (out). I think they're going to see how he progresses through the week and see where he's at on Saturday," Gregg said. "...The game plan is we have packages with me and Sheldon in them. Coach is just going to call whatever play he wants and whichever package whoever's in, that will be who's in the game at the time."

Gregg just recovered from a foot injury that put him out for eight weeks. Gregg, a sophomore from Maryville, is ready for the opportunity to play on a big stage like Arrowhead.

"I'm excited," he said. "This is why you play college football."

One player that would return would be wide receiver Raphael Robinson, who sat out against Central Missouri.

The defensive side of the ball is also still a big question mark.

Free safety Brandon Pratt (hand), strong safety Chris Termini (foot) and Quinten Womack (foot) all suffered injuries Oct. 7 against Emporia State and have not played since.

Backup cornerback Darrell Clark suffered a shoulder injury Saturday against Central Missouri.

All four of those players are listed as questionable, but Tjeerdsma said there is a possibility that at least Pratt, Termini and Womack could play but it would be a game-time decision.

Defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick said it was highly likely they would play.

"They're not going to be back, Brandon Pratt's going to practice this week, but let's be serious," Bostwick said. "Carmaine Race is hard enough to tackle with one hand, you think I'm going to put him out there with a club on his hand and think he's going to be able to get the job done? We'll see, but I wouldn't count on it."

Omon named MIAA player of the week

Staff report

Despite suffering a rib injury, Xavier Omon was still named the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) Offensive Player of the Week for his performance Saturday against Central Missouri.

Omon posted a season-high 166 rushing yards on 23 carries. This honor was Omon's second of his career after

he notched one on Sept. 14, 2004 in his freshman campaign.

He had 149 yards on 18 carries in the first half in helping Northwest build a 17-6 halftime lead. Omon rushed four times for 52 yards, including a game-best 23-yard run which opened the drive, to set up Northwest's second TD later in the quarter after UCM had cut the Bearcats' lead to one.

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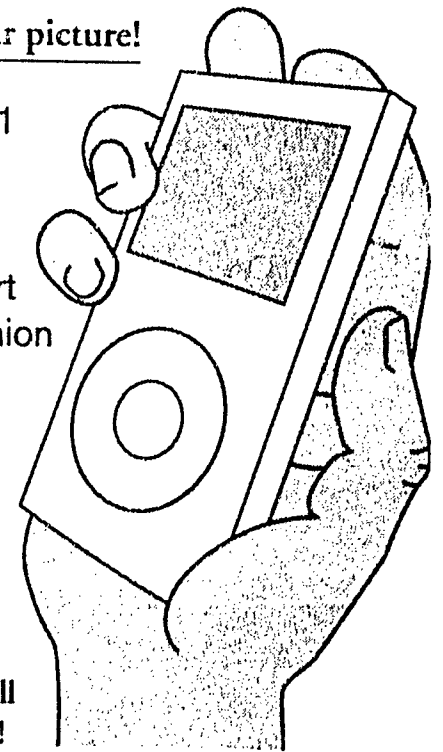
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—NW SOCCER



Northwest midfielder Shannon Fitzgerald battles University of Central Missouri's Kylee Schuhler for possession during Saturday's game. The Bearcats ended the game tied 2-2 with the Jennies.

Close, but no goal

Jerome Boettcher, Brett Barger
Sports Editor, Assistant Sports Editor

The Northwest soccer team's bid for 10 wins will have to wait for at least another season.

Four second-half goals by visiting Truman State damped the spirits of the Northwest soccer team in a 4-0 loss in the season finale Sunday at Bearcat Pitch.

"You can't judge the season based on one game," head coach Tracy Cross said.

Northwest finishes the season 9-9-1—just one win shy of the first winning record in school history. However, nine wins is the most in school history and it was the first time in the 8-year program that a squad did not end up

with a losing record.

Northwest and Truman were tied 0-0 at halftime but the Bulldogs scored three goals in the first nine minutes of the second half to put the game away.

The game marked the end for senior forward Kayla Griffin, senior midfielder Megan Kruger and Jamie Campbell and senior goalkeeper Alison Sheridan.

"It's pretty frustrating," said a tearful Griffin. "We've had a great year...definitely the best team we've ever had."

On Saturday, trailing 2-1, Griffin scored a game-tying goal in the 86th minute. Northwest and Central Missouri did not settle things in overtime, leaving Bearcat Pitch, Saturday afternoon, with a 2-2 tie.

"We should have won," Griffin said. "We had so many chances. We out shot them for sure."

Northwest (9-8-1) out shot Central (11-4-3) 20-17. In the first period, the 'Cats compiled 12, leaving the Jennies, the No. 4 team in the Central Region, with only two shots.

"We dominated (most) of the game," Griffin said. "It didn't take long for Northwest to get on the board. In the ninth minute, Jamie Campbell netched her third goal of the season. The half ended with a 1-0 lead. Central scored two goals, 13 minutes apart for the 2-1 lead."

"We could have had five or six goals in the first half," Cross said. "We had that many chances...we really took it to them."

—NW VOLLEYBALL

'Cats hit with the 'Blues'

Season ends with opening loss in MIAA tournament

Cali Arnold
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northwest volleyball team beat nationally-ranked Washburn once this season, but the Lady Blues got revenge on the Bearcats when it mattered most.

After dropping two matches to Missouri Western and No. 1 Truman State over the weekend, Northwest lost its final match of the season Tuesday to No. 20 Washburn in four games (24-30, 30-28, 25-30, 20-30) in the first round of the MIAA tournament. The 'Cats were the No. 4 seed in the East while Washburn was the No. 1 seed in the West.

Northwest head coach Anna Tool said it was tough to gain any momentum after the Lady Blues.

"We needed more people effectively involved offensively," Tool said. "We let them (Washburn) creep in too easily."

Offensively, Northwest had only two players with double-digit kills, led by seniors Sarah Trowbridge with 22 and Allison Hyland with 16. The 'Cats also struggled in serving with 11 errors.

Tool said defensively her team did fairly strong at the net, gaining several blocks and tallying 87 digs.

see BLUES on 2B

—NW CROSS COUNTRY

'Cats Revisit Warrensburg for Regionals

Jared Verner
Regional Reporter

After a week off from competition, the Northwest Missouri State cross country squads head into Warrensburg, Mo., for the second time this season.

Both teams opened their season at the Central Missouri Mule Run on Sept. 8, and will look to close out the regular season at the same course this Saturday in the NCAA South Central Regional meet.

"We're looking to go in with a better focus on what we're doing," women's head coach Scott Lorek said. "We need to go into it without expectations or pressure. When we've been running well, that's what we've been doing."

The men's course will feature the first 10-kilometer course this season, up from the 8-kilometer courses this season. But men's head coach Richard Alsop isn't concerned about the added distance.

"There's always some anxiety with it," Alsop said, "but we've been training for 10K racing. For the past four weeks we have trained as well as teams I've had over this period of time."

The men's team will be without the speed of Drew Wilson, who suffered a stress fracture the week before the conference championships. Wilson placed first on the team at the regional meet for the past two years.

"That was a real bummer," Alsop said. "It was his senior year, and he had been a conference year before, and that certainly took its toll on the team. You have to move on and if someone goes down then someone has to step up, and they have."

The women's team will hope to rebound from its performance at the MIAA Championships on Oct. 21. The women placed at the bottom of the eight-team field.

"We had the wrong focus based on nerves or stress or expectations," Lorek said.

Sophomore Anna O'Brien placed 18th in the conference meet, which featured the first 6-kilometer course of the season. This weekend will be the second meet at that distance, after a season of 5-kilometer races.

Both teams are looking to qualify for the NCAA Championships on Dec. 18 in Pensacola, Fla. The men's team will have to finish in the top three and the women in the top two in order to qualify as a team. Individuals who finish in the top-five overall and aren't a member of a qualifying team will advance, as well as the next two individuals overall.

The men's 10K will begin at 10 a.m. and women's 6K will start at 11:15 a.m. Both races will take place at the Keith Memorial Golf Course in Pette Springs Park in Warrensburg.



Junior forward Calvin Cayuth slam dunk during Midnight Madness. Both the men's and women's teams start their seasons next week against Division I schools.



Forward Allie Gunning cuts the ball around a Central Missouri player Saturday at Bearcat Pitch. The 'Cats tied 2-2.

photo by katie white photography editor

TJEERDSMA NOMINATED FOR COACH OF THE YEAR

Northwest Missouri State head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma has been nominated for the 2006 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award, given to a college football coach who best exemplifies responsibility and excellence on and off the field. The one winner will be picked from a selection committee made up of members of the College Football Hall of Fame, the national media and fans across the country. Fans can vote by going to Coachoftheyear.com and selecting coach Tjeerdsma from the drop-down menu. Fans can vote through Nov. 5 on a daily basis.

The Northwest defense tackles the Central ball carrier Saturday during the game in Warrensburg.

See Arrowhead wrap for more on Northwest football.

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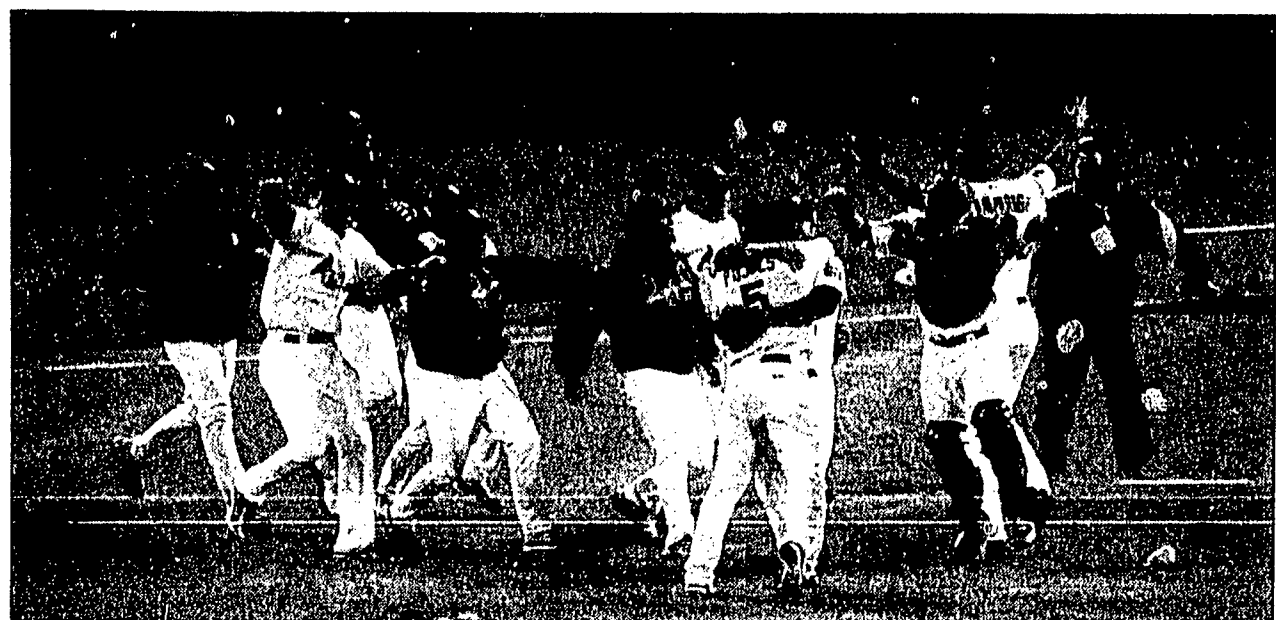
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—COLUMN



The St. Louis Cardinals rejoice and celebrate after they won the World Series Friday against the Detroit Tigers.

24-year wait ends

The whole Midwest heard the roar coming from Missouri Friday night.

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On the east side of the state, a large and triumphant yell of joy filled the air, along with a sigh of relief as to say "Yes, the wait is finally over."

But on the west side, the mood was somber. It was as if all of that side of the state let out one resounding curse word at the same time and then, almost in unison, shook their heads in disbelief.

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Possibly one of the greatest things

Jerome Beethler
Sports Editor

post-World Series victory was the Royals fans who one-by-one painfully congratulated members of Cardinal Nation.

You could tell in their eyes and in their voice that this hurt as bad as getting teeth pulled or, well, watching a Royals game.

Yes, it's a great month to be a Cardinals fan.

For the past 21 years, I've waited for this, for those who have lived a little bit longer it's been a 24-year wait.

So when the town went nuts Friday night, it was understandable.

Too long have we withstood the classic Cardinals meltdown. Maybe more painful than any stretch of the 24-year drought, were the six previous seasons.

From 2000 to 2005, the Cardinals reached the playoffs five times.

In 2000, the Cardinals ended the 'Cards season way too early. In 2002, the Cardinals ended the 'Cards season way too early.

We've waited too long for this, so go ahead and brag, gloat, glow as bright as the sun did when it rose in St. Louis Saturday morning, seemingly smiling on the brand new Busch Stadium basking in all its youthful glory.

Yes, it's great to be a Cardinals fan.

—MHS SOCCER

Shutout ends 'Hounds

Nate Gonner
Missourian Reporter

Riding a two-game winning streak, the Maryville High School boys' soccer team competed Saturday in the Class 1 District 8 playoffs with hopes of making the state playoffs.

However, it was an early exit for the Spoofhounds as they lost to St. Pius X Warriors 6-0, ending their season. Districts were played at Pembroke High School in Kansas City. Maryville, due to injuries and players with prior commitments, were short handed in the district match.

Philip Stewart and Curt Oton both scored two goals for St. Pius X (10-12-1) who advanced to play LeBlond.

long (17-1-2) on Monday evening. Coach Stuart Collins said his team was fired up for the district game but just didn't have the people to pull out the win.

"We were short a couple people due to commitments they had already made and some guys who were hurt who got reinjured in that game," Collins said. "We played with a lot of energy but they just couldn't stay with St. Pius with some of the players they had."

The loss came two days after Maryville ended the regular season with a 7-1 victory over MEC rival Savannah. On a chilly night Maryville lit up the scoreboard as Steven Scheffe, L.J. Pruitt and Clay Talmadge all had two goals for the 'Hounds. Coming into districts the

'Hounds had outscored their last two opponents 15-1. The game also happened to be Senior Night.

Scheffe said winning for the seniors was huge. "It's always really important because Senior Night usually happens to be our last game going into districts," Scheffe said. "Not only does it get us ready for districts, the seniors never want to leave their season with not winning their Senior Night."

Despite losing three starters coach Collins thinks next year could be a good year for the 'Hounds. "The juniors on this team really stepped up this year and I really think next year they will step in and be strong leaders on this team," Collins said.

—MHS FOOTBALL

'Hounds optimistic about playoff chances

Brett Barger
Assistant Sports Editor

Even though the odds of making the playoffs are remote for the Maryville high school football team, there is still one more game to be played.

"We want our seniors to go out on a good note," Maryville head coach Chris Holt said.

With a 35-7 win over Plattsburg last Friday, the Spoofhounds stayed in the race until Lawson defeated Bishop LeBlond, Maryville's opponent Thursday, 45-26.

With Lawson 2-0 in district play, they will need a win to clinch the district championship. Should Lawson lose to Plattsburg, Maryville will need a win against LeBlond and the edge in the tiebreaker, which is based on point differential.

Whatever the results, Holt said it is important for his team to not lose focus, with the team having already surpassed last season's win total (2) and has a chance to finish with four wins.

"It's about building momentum for the off-season," Holt said. "It would be nice to say we can win three out of our last four games, so that's a good start."

What remains is the 0-4 record at the 'Hound Pound. In four games, Maryville has been outscored 112-42. Maryville line-backer Tyler Oglesby said the team wants to desperately erase that zero, that's been on their record the whole season.

"It might not mean a whole lot at this point," Oglesby said. "It will mean a lot to the fans and to prove that we are just not going to roll over and let them walk all over us, just because it's the last game of the season."

On the injury front, Malcom Swinford is questionable for Thursday's game. He has been out the last two games with a sore hamstring. Swinford is second on the team in rushing.

"I'm not sure if he'll be able to go," Holt said. "It will just have to be a game time thing and we'll just see what his leg can do."

On paper, LeBlond's offense revolves around the pass—something the Spoofhound defense hasn't really seen a lot this season. Offensively, LeBlond averages 17.1 points per game, while the defense gives up 27.1 points per game.

"We definitely got to stop the passing game and try to force them to do some run stuff," Holt said. "The game begins at 7 p.m., today at the 'Hound Pound."

—MHS FOOTBALL

Walters night propels 'Hounds

Brett Barger
Assistant Sports Editor

PLATTSBURG, Mo.—Maryville high school football coach Chris Holt wasn't sure if Andy Walters would be his quarterback next season.

After Friday's game, Walters may have made Holt's decision a little easier.

Paced by a career high five touchdown passes from Walters, the Maryville Spoofhounds (5-4), 35-7, in Class 2, District 16 action.

"It feels good," Walters said. "I couldn't have done it without my line and my receivers and my offense. Everything clicked tonight for us."

Walters threw touchdowns of 66, 40, 23, 4 and 4 yards. In the second quarter, Walters hooked up with Tanner Archer from four yards out to tie the game at 7 with 2:33 left. Archer and Walters later collaborated on a 40-yard touchdown with 1:57 left in the third for a 21-7 lead.

"He had a good game, he definitely did," Holt said. "Andy's been battling some confidence issues...to be honest we really needed to see this from him...he showed the coaching staff that he wants to play quarterback for the Maryville Spoofhounds."

Once again, Archer, sporting the No. 7 away jersey, had an interception in the second quarter. His third interception in the last two road games stopped a Plattsburg drive that was inside the Maryville 20-yard line.

"I thought our pass rush was pretty good," Holt said. "We just kept rotating fresh bodies in there, trying to keep as much heat as we could."

The pass rush was effective, sacking quarterback Taylor Davis five times.

"Our offense actually put something together tonight," Oglesby said. "Our o-line got a little confidence and we came out in the second half and played some ball."

In the second half, it didn't take long for Maryville to blow the game wide open. Facing a long third down, Walters threw a gutsy pass behind the line of scrimmage to John Farmer that he took 66-yards for a touchdown. After the touchdown to Archer,

Walters added another to Ryan Sudhoff for 23-yards. It was Farmer and Sudhoff's first touchdowns of the season.

Walters' fifth touchdown went to Oglesby with 6:35 left in the fourth, increasing their lead to 35-7. Maryville's 35 points is the second highest point total since Sept. 8, when they defeated Lafayette, 41-12.

Entering Friday's game, Maryville was averaging only 13.4 points per game. Since district play began Oct. 20, the offense has scored 21 points per game during that span. The Maryville defense has given up 11 points per game.

The loss eliminates Plattsburg from playoff contention. However, Maryville's playoff chances became less likely with Lawson defeating Bishop LeBlond, 45-26. Maryville will need a convincing win over LeBlond next week, coupled with a Lawson loss at Plattsburg, for a shot at the playoffs.

"Obviously, Plattsburg could still do it for us," Holt said. "We'll just have to do the best we can to keep the kids' heads up knowing that we're probably not going to go now, and play for pride and win at home."

—BASEBALL

Manager gets parade

By Joe Strauss
St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MCT)

ST. LOUIS—The carpet inside the Cardinals' clubhouse still reeked of doused bubbly Saturday afternoon, less than 18 hours after the Redbirds celebrated a clinching 4-2 win over the Detroit Tigers in Game 5 of the World Series.

Before the clubhouse rug could even dry, manager Tony La Russa addressed whether he would return for a 12th year as Cardinals skipper after leading the club to its 10th World Series championship. La Russa closed the book on speculation that he would walk away from his job with a year remaining on a three-year contract signed after the team's 2004 World Series appearance.

"I'll announce it tomorrow at the podium to make sure I'm booted in unison," La Russa quipped. Speculation swirled during October that a second World Series title for the former Oakland A's skipper might persuade him to retire, or at least seek another challenge.

La Russa privately dismissed the notion midway through the Series and publicly reiterated the sentiment Saturday. "I'm not tired," he said. "I'm ready for spring training now. I'm already thinking of ways

to help us get back to the postseason next year."

It is likely next year's team will look significantly different from the one that leaves Busch Stadium after Sunday afternoon's celebration. But La Russa, general manager Walt Jocketty and ownership won't address those matters until Monday at the earliest.

A number of players packed their belongings early Saturday afternoon. Most are expected to participate in Sunday afternoon's parade, which will wind from Union Station to Busch Stadium, where a number of team personnel will address a crowd still giddy from the city's first World Series title in 24 years.

An anticipated sea of red and white will celebrate Series MVP David Eckstein and Game 7 winning pitcher Jeff Weaver, who joined Chris Carpenter as Cardinals pitchers to win three postseason games.

Rookie Adam Wainwright, briefly considered this summer for a transfer to the starting rotation, won Game 6 and closed Game 7 for his fourth save of the postseason.

"There were times this spring I never thought I would break camp with this team," Wainwright said. "Then there were times I was sure I'd never be on the postseason roster."

Now I'm standing here in the middle of this. It's an unbelievable feeling."

Catcher Yadier Molina answered a 216 regular-season average with 19 hits in 16 postseason games. His hit total included the winning home run in Game 7 of the NLCS and exceeded his production for every month during the season except June, when he had 20 hits.

Center fielder Jim Edmonds, who led a celebratory lap around the Busch Stadium warning track after Friday's clincher, led the Cardinals with 10 postseason RBIs after starting only four games in the final six weeks of the regular season.

Bench for a game in the Division Series and National League Championship Series as part of a public feud with La Russa, third baseman Scott Rolen finished with a 10-game hitting streak that included a .421 Series average.

Weaver, who pitched eight dominant innings in the clincher, wept as he embraced his younger brother Jared in Friday's on-field celebration. The Angels traded the older brother to make room for the younger one less than four months ago.

Celebrating a World Series championship was a first for every player except Eckstein, utility player Scott

Spiezo, reliever Braden Looper and right fielder Juan Encarnacion.

The Cardinals proved opportunistic in the postseason, but especially so against the Tigers. They scored eight unearned runs against an American League team that scored only 11 runs total.

"Look at how many people really stepped up. It's a great clubhouse for that reason. Everyone shared in it. It's not just me," La Russa said.

Universal contributions allowed the Cardinals to push through while the New York Mets held first baseman Albert Pujols to one RBI in the NLCS and the Tigers confined him to a .200 average in the World Series. (Pujols still finished with 27 total bases for the tournament, second on the team to Yadier Molina.)

"This was all about what a team did," outfielder Preston Wilson said.

La Russa never disputed his concerns about the team's halting finish, which needed the Atlanta Braves to beat the Astros for the Cardinals to clinch on the final day of the schedule.

The Cardinals were still faced with having to start every postseason series on the road, a huge hurdle for a club that staggered to a 34-47 record away from home.

—PITTSBURG STATE/NORTHWEST CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

Scoring
Northwest 34.6
Pittsburg State 50.3

Scoring Defense
Northwest 12.1
Pittsburg State 24.9

Passing Yards Per Game
Northwest 247.1
Pittsburg State 226.6

Rushing Yards Per Game
Northwest 160.7
Pittsburg State 265.0

Rushing Defense
Northwest 75.7
Pittsburg State 167.6

Sacks-Yards Lost
Northwest 22:146
Pittsburg State 14:94

Sacks Allowed-Yards Lost
Northwest 13:73
Pittsburg State 9:60

First Downs

Northwest 187

Pittsburg State 200

Time of Possession per game

Northwest 32:08

Pittsburg State 26:34

Opponents' Time of Possession

Northwest 27:52

Pittsburg State 33:26

OFFENSE

Passing Leaders

Josh Mathews - 140-221, 2092 yards

18 TD's, 5 INT's Northwest

Mark Smith - 58-84, 1029 yards

10 TD's, 3 INT's Pittsburg State

Rushing Leaders

Xavier Omon - 226 carries, 1054 yards, 16 TD's, 4.3 YPC Northwest

Germaine Race - 207 carries, 1427 yards, 23 TD's, 6.7 YPC Pittsburg State

Receiving Leaders

Thomas Smith - 53 Tackles, 33 Solo, 1.0 INT, 1 Forced Fumble

Jared Erasmus - 45 Tackles, 28 Solo, 1.0 Sacks, 2 INT's, 1 Forced Fumble

Northwest

Kendall Wright - 50 catches, 735 yards, 4 TD's, 81.7 YPG

Mike Peterson - 24 catches, 386 yards, 4 TD's, 44.6 YPG

E.J. Finkbeiner - 28 catches, 401 yards, 42.9 YPG

Raphael Robinson - 17 catches, 346 yards, 38.4 YPG

Pittsburg State

Brian Pryor - 35 catches, 859 yards, 7 TD's, 95.4 YPG

Caleb Farabi - 20 catches, 161 yards, 1 TD, 17.9 YPG

Pierce Curran - 13 catches, 195 yards, 0 TD's, 21.7 YPG

Markus Nelson - 10 catches, 240 yards, 4 TD's, 26.7 YPG

DEFENSE

Defensive Leaders

Thomas Smith - 53 Tackles, 33 Solo, 1.0 Sacks, 1 Forced Fumble

Jared Erasmus - 45 Tackles, 28 Solo, 1.0 Sacks, 2 INT's, 1 Forced Fumble

Pittsburg State

Nathan Allen - 7/12 FG, 3/3 20-29 yards, 1/4 40-49 yards, 58/58 PAT's

Fumble

Ben Harness - 35 Tackles, 22 Solo, 2.0 Sacks

Ryan Waters - 33 Tackles, 16 Solo, 4.0 Sacks

Pittsburg State

Jason Northern - 88 Tackles, 47 Solo, 1 INT, 1 Forced Fumble

Rusty Morgan - 65 Tackles, 29 Solo, 1 INT, 1 Forced Fumble

Nick Dalgarno - 57 Tackles, 27 Solo, 2 INT's, 1 Forced Fumble

Ryan Meredith - 46 Tackles, 2.5 Sacks, 1 INT

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicking

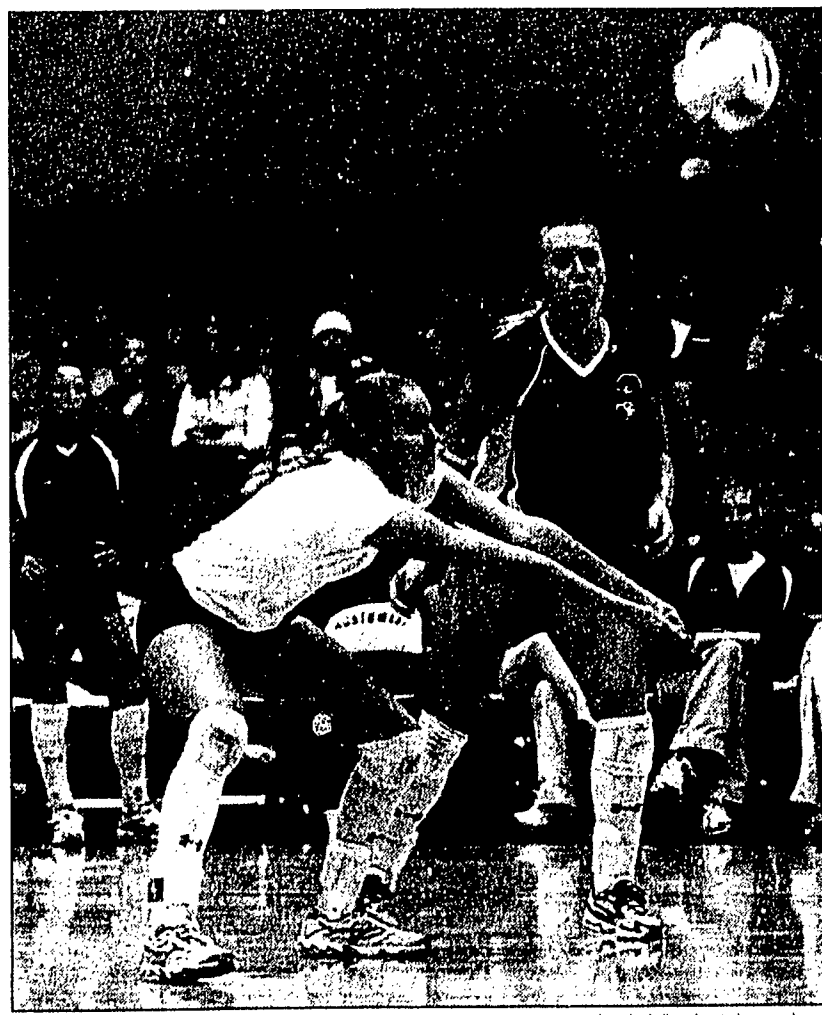
Northwest

Tommy Frevert - 8/15 FG, 5/7 20-29 yards, 2/3 40-49 yards 41/41 PAT's

Pittsburg State

Nathan Allen - 7/12 FG, 3/3 20-29 yards, 1/4 40-49 yards, 58/58 PAT's

VOLLEYBALL: Bearcats' season ends at hands Lady Blues in tourney



Northwest's Nicole Wojtowicz returns a volley during the game against the University of Central Missouri. The Bearcats played their last game Tuesday night against Washburn.

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to be."

A new season at a new school brought many highlights for Tool, both with the team and individually. Knocking off nationally-ranked teams Washburn and Rockhurst and playing strong against others, such as Central Missouri, were all big points in the season that she hopes to reap the benefits of later on.

Seniors Trowbridge and Heston said they were both obviously disappointed with the loss to Washburn, but agreed the team's success this season couldn't be based on the loss.

"The highlight for me was just being with the group of girls we had and playing together," Trowbridge said. "It was a fun season both on and off the court."

Heston agreed, but thanked Tool for the turnaround the team started to make this season.

"Getting a new coach who believed in us and made the team believe in themselves, unlike my last three years, was the highlight," Heston said.

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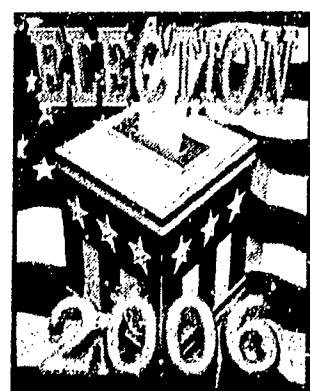


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—BASEBALL

Baseball hoping to avoid strikes

National pastime will have had labor peace for 16 years when contract ends

Claire Smith
The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

ST. LOUIS—By the time baseball's newly agreed upon collective-bargaining agreement expires in

What's your horoscope?

Today's Birthday (11-02-06)

This year is about discovering and using the power of love. There's no trick involved; in fact, sincerity is required. Anticipate miracles.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7 — You're in a better position, financially, than you may realize. You don't have to work harder; use what you already have.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8 — You know you've done well when the people you've taught know how to take care of you. Let them do that a little while longer.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 7 — There's a saint who got to heaven by doing little things very well. She's watching over you now, willing to lend a hand.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 9 — Quality time is not a few moments grabbed from a busy day. It's a day grabbed from a busy life, and savored with those you love.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 6 — You don't have to pay for everything. Let the rest of the family pitch in. You're the Captain of the team; you're not the Sugar Daddy or Momma.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8 — You can solve the puzzle, so go ahead and do it. Don't be put off by a person who has more opinion than intelligence.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 5 — Finally, you can afford to get that item that makes your life easy. Do the homework so you don't spend too much for a product that doesn't work.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 9 — Don't go public with your plans until you've discussed them further. You and a loved one can get past a seemingly insurmountable problem. Or find a way around it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 5 — You may have felt overwhelmed, thinking you have to do it all. You can't do it all, that's obvious. Stop worrying and start recruiting.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 — The more information you gather, the stronger you become. Something that used to give you the creeps will soon be pretty much no-hum.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 5 — Since you're naturally a perfectionist, continue to do the job until you're satisfied. When you are, you can bet the others will be, too. It's a good investment.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8 — Continue to formulate your plans, but don't broadcast them yet. Only discuss your intentions with people who can help manifest them.

—STROLLER

Your Man goes drag for Halloween fun

It's that time of the year again. High-heeled boots, fish net stockings and over-the-top wigs are once again worn with confidence.

Typically, Halloween is just a non-stop party at the collegiate level. However, I find that many people use the spirit of this day to break certain social barriers. Cross-dressing isn't the only way to defy social taboos.

Technically, as "adults," college students are usually not found in public dressed as their favorite superhero or fictional character. Given that right amount of alcoholic persuasion and the Halloween season, a fair number of collegiate celebrators will prance through the streets, loudly declaring their hero's motto until they are confronted by their arch nemesis—Campus Safety.

The male and female cross-dressers have a slightly different dilemma—safety. Thanks to well-crafted costumes and makeup jobs, sometimes, depending on the level of alcoholic consumption, a cross-dresser will be assaulted. It is because of this violence that these kings and queens of drag will travel only in packs. In order to take in the atmosphere of the night, I gazed upon numerous streets briefly. The men always seem slightly agitated; at first I thought it was due to a couple tricks

attending this point of view. I believe the reasoning behind these parties is this—comedy. Judging on what some of them were and how people dressed, I can only assume that the party creators were seeking laughs. Honestly, when lack of creativity and effort meet ridiculous ideas, I can't help but laugh as well.

That leaves the "other" costume types. Shocking, innovative, memorable and humorous, these costumes are created by those who want that extra mile. One of the better "other" costumes I have seen was that of a man who had taken a large box and transformed it into the official "Phallus Block."

I really can't wait until next Halloween.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

PRIDEFUL PERFORMANCE



Tom Frenchman of Topeka, Kan., dances during the opening ceremony of Saturday's powwow. Frenchman is wearing traditional attire of the Delaware tribe. The powwow, in its third year, is an event many students and community members look forward to.

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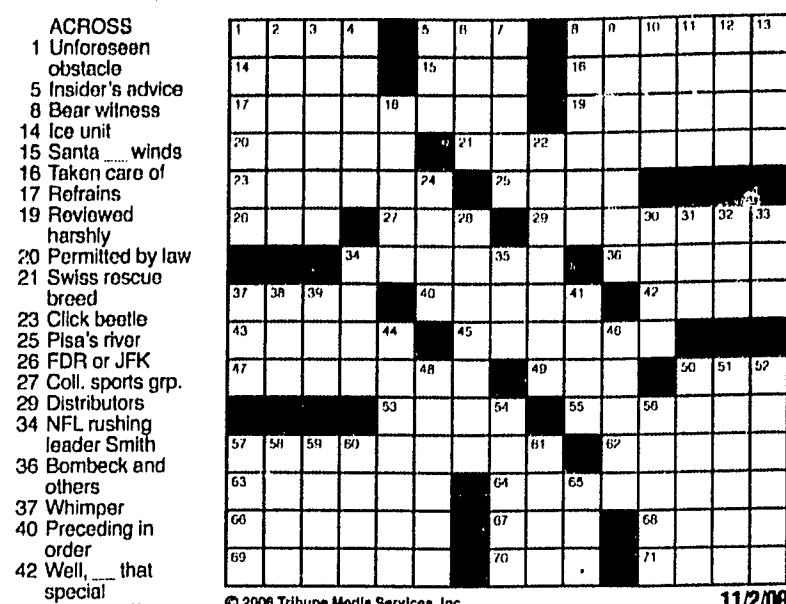
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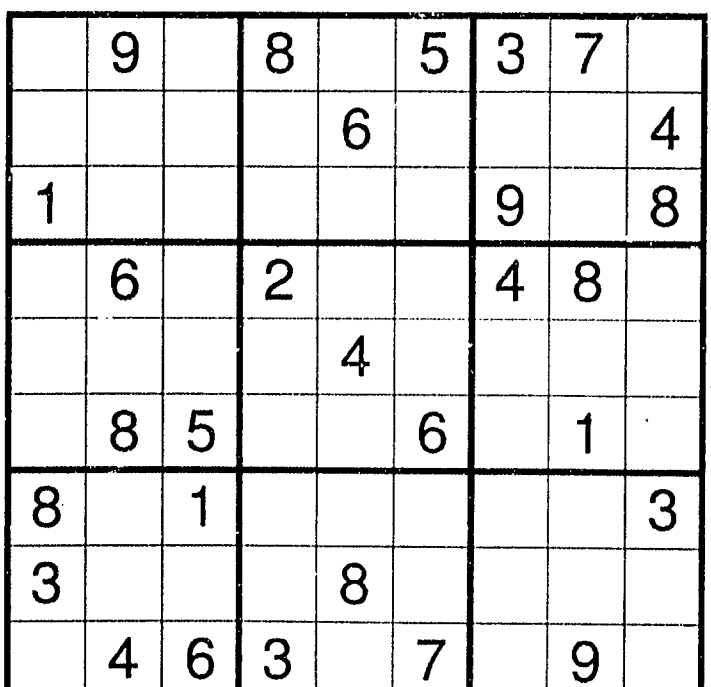
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ACROSS
1. Unfrozen chocolate
5. Insider's advice
6. Bear witness
14. Ice unit
15. Santa...winds
16. Taken care of
17. Refrains
19. Reviewed harshly
20. Permitted by law
21. Swiss rescue brood
23. Click beetle
25. Pisa's river
26. FBI or JFK
27. Coll. sports grp.
29. Distributors
34. NFL rushing leader Smith
36. Bombback and others
37. Whimper
40. Preceding in order
42. Well...that special
43. Blatant self-assurance
45. Birchbark boats
47. Post Maya
49. Hero, briefly
50. Hero's cry
53. Egyptian goddess
55. Ice corps
57. Likings
62. Pulling soil
63. Picher
64. Midway
66. Frank of "Wipeout"
67. NY gambling parlor
68. Hunter or Cornell
69. Mystery writers' 31
70. One of Pook's pals
71. Actor Sofer
72. DOWN
1. Ascended
2. Rips for marriage
3. 1980 FBI investigation
4. Catch on
5. Mail...cocktail
6. Motel's predecessors
7. Fellucine, e.g.
8. Poplar trees
9. Yellowish pink
10. Kan. neighbor
11. Sicilian resort
12. End of a spin?
13. Picher
14. Stottlemire
18. Mr. T's outfit
22. Rome's Celtic conquests
24. Canadian cops
28. Electrical path
30. "Exodus" writer
31. 911 call
32. Turned tail
33. Machi-vet
34. Dilligent
35. Across Carrera
37. Echin. dog
38. Sea eagle
39. Tail growling
41. Black sheep
44. Slip and slide
46. Actor Buddy
48. Basketry willows
50. Hit the big time
51. Hired killer
52. Greek goddess
54. Medici mixer
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57. French cleric
58. Walk heavily
59. ...pong
60. Sicilian volcano
61. Buddhist sect
65. Solari's equivocation



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—OFF THE FIELD



(top) The Northwest marching band performs during halftime at the Missouri Western game. The band will perform this Saturday at Arrowhead Stadium with a Billy Joel theme. (bottom) The Northwest marching band practices Tuesday. The band will perform at the upcoming Fall Classic performance under the direction of drum major Kyle Kurtz.

More than just a game

Cali Arnold
Assistant Sports Editor

For the Northwest Bearcat Marching Band, football really is more than just a game.

No one could tell that what may be the band's biggest show of the year will be Saturday at Arrowhead Stadium. Practice the week before seems just like every other week, full of laughter and joking around by the band members. The thought of performing in front of almost 20,000 people doesn't seem to bother them at all.

However, Northwest Band Director Carl Kling said while every performance is exciting, the Fall Classic is a special tradition.

"We just like to perform," Kling said. "In front of nearly 20,000 people though, with more people, it's more exciting."

Senior drum major Kyle Kurtz is gearing up for his fourth game at Arrowhead Stadium this weekend. For the first time in the five years of the tradition, the Northwest and Pittsburg State marching bands will perform together in a pre-game performance to celebrate Veteran's Day a little early. Facing separate sides of the stadium, both bands will perform each branch of the military's respective themes to honor those serving today, as well

as veterans.

"It's a nice chance to let them know what we've been doing throughout the year," Kurtz said. "Through all the competition and stuff, we like to have a little camaraderie. We get to know the band, we talk to them a little bit, mix and mingle, and through it all it's just a totally spirited competition."

Along with being a fun performance for the band itself, Kling said the unique game—the only one of its kind to be held in Division II football—provides good recruiting for the band. A strong showing of alumni in the area also appreciates the show since it is closer to them than what home Bearcat football games are.

For such a huge show, Kling and the band members said not much extra practice goes into the Arrowhead game compared to a usual home game at Bearcat Stadium. With Northwest being the home team this year, the Bearcat band will get to perform the National Anthem, just like at home games, and there will also be a halftime show featuring music by Billy Joel. The only difference will be the performance prior to kickoff and sharing of the field with another band.

For Kurtz and fellow senior

Chris Rinella, their last Fall Classic performance will be bittersweet. Rinella said he knows he will be back for alumni games after he graduates, but the last Arrowhead game with the band will be significant. Kurtz hopes to make the best of his final experience there.

"For the band, we get all hyped up for this game," Kurtz said. "We

get louder, we make more ruckus, I mean, the stadium's bigger so we try to fill it even more with a bigger sound. It's just a huge time because everyone makes a big deal out of it so we have to be just as big as the fans are. We have to be spirit leaders you know, those extra cheerleaders for the football team, for those fans."

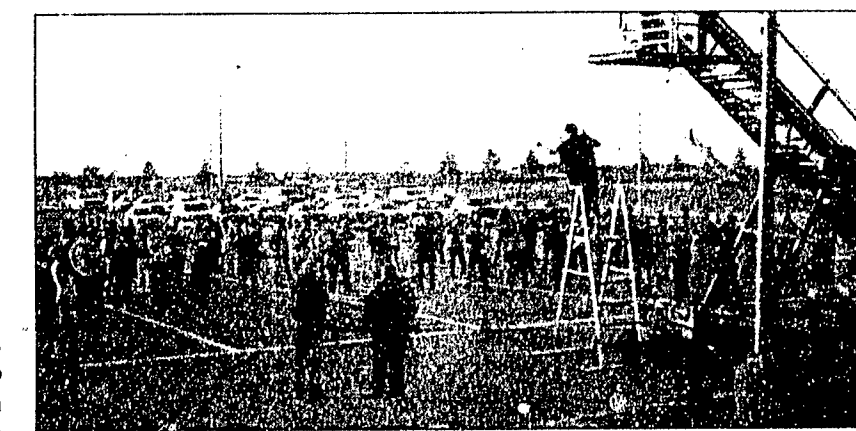
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